

## **Professional Pursuits of Students That Have Done Research in [Bethia King's Laboratory](#):**

### **Former PhD Students:**

- **C. Robyn Fischer.** Instructional Program Assistant for Student Inquiry and Research at Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy; after being an Instructor at College of DuPage, Aurora University, Rock Valley College
- **Mary Crowe.** Associate Provost of Experiential Education at Florida Southern College; after being Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research at University of North Carolina at Greensboro; NIU outstanding young alumni award in LAS; formerly Director of the Center for Undergraduate Research at Xavier University, LA; formerly Professor at Coastal Carolina University

### **Former Master's degree students:**

- **Tyler Wittman.** PhD candidate in Dr. Robert Cox's laboratory at the Department of Biology, University of Virginia
- **[Rachel Moran.](#)** PhD candidate in Dr. Becky Fuller's laboratory in the Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Scott Broski.** Veterinary School at University of Minnesota
- **Jenny Cooper.** Biology Faculty at Community Colleges in Illinois, Wisconsin
- **Kaylee (Kuban) Miller.** Research Associate in Entomology at Monsanto in Illinois
- **William (Billy) Nichols.** Laboratory Technician at SUNY (State University of New York)-Buffalo; formerly Biologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Biology lecturer and laboratory instructor Kishwaukee Community College in Illinois
- **Debra (Debbie) Olbrich.** Veterinarian at Christiansen Animal Hospital in Illinois; Abbott Animal Health; Veterinary School at University of Wisconsin,
- **Sarah Oliai.** Attorney-at-Law in private practice; after obtaining a law degree from University of Baltimore; after being an Outreach Specialist at Maryland Science Center
- **Rebecca (Dickensen) Bratzke.** Research associate at Valent Bioscience Corp., Illinois
- **Melanie (Napoleon) Welch.** Project Director of Public Programs Office at American Library Association in Chicago; formerly Associate Director of Program at Freshwater Future; Catto Fellow for Environmental Leadership at The Aspen Institute; Network Coordinator and Advisor for the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions; Senior Director Great Lakes Conservation at Shedd Aquarium; formerly Manager Shedd Aquarium Community and Mentor Programs; Coordinator at Chicago Academy of Sciences
- **Kathy Faber.** Representative for Merck Animal Health. Farmer.
- **Jeff Baeder. Steve Nett. Mary Drury (Blackmore).** High school teachers in Illinois
- **Colleen Lynch.** Curator of Birds at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia, South Carolina; Population biologist at Lincoln Park zoo; Hope B. McCormick Curator of Birds at Lincoln Park Zoo; formerly at the Avian Propagation Center at San Diego Zoo
- **Sandra Seidl.** Primate Center at University of Wisconsin

### **Some former NIU undergraduates:**

- **Benjamin Walter.** Master's student in Biological Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- **[Megan Sieg.](#)** PhD candidate in the Neuroscience Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Hannah Hildebrand.** Veterinary School at University of Minnesota
- **Alex Larson.** Account Representative at Univar
- **Tessa Schulmeister.** Biological Scientist, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

- **Kaila Colyott.** PhD candidate in the Entomology Program at The University of Kansas
- **Jennifer Niew.** Anatomy and Physiology Instructor and Insurance Sales and Marketing
- **Heather Olson.** Illinois zoo keeper
- **Kyle Huttner.** UIC College of Pharmacy
- **Amber Coletta.** Medical Laboratory Sciences program, NIU; after Monsanto Entomology Laboratory Aid
- **Lydia Trebels.** Harper College Diagnostic Medical and Cardiac Sonography Program
- **Thomas Kazecki.** Resident Physician at Louisiana State University
- **Rebecca Stith.** LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, New Orleans
- **Vincent Scola.** MSc the Centre for Microbial Ecology and Genomics, University of Pretoria in South Africa
- **Courtney Meyers.** R&D Lab Assistant at Kerry, Roscoe, Illinois, Food Production
- PhD student at NY City College; MS, Purdue University
- **Harmony Leach.** Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in Illinois then in Wisconsin; after obtaining D.O. at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University in Downer's Grove, IL
- **Ted Burgess. Kaylee (Kuban) Miller. Jennifer Niew.** Graduate Programs at NIU
- **M. Aaron Owen.** Graduate student at State University of New York at Stonybrook; after Environmental Science and Conservation research at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Leila .** MS student Michigan State University; after internship at a Michigan zoo, Brookfield zoo
- **Christine Landek.** High School Teacher , Elementary Teacher in Illinois
- Brookfield zoo internship; formerly horticulturist at the Peggy Notebaret Nature Museum
- **Ria Tsaliagos.** MS at Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, GA
- **Dana Thomas.** Science laboratory test company in Illinois
- **Juliet D'Souza.** Biology Instructor at community college in Illinois after obtaining MS at WIU
- **Jenna Holm, Katie Grimm.** Veterinary program at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Veterinary Technician in Illinois
- **Karen (Burnell) Saporito.** Mouse Colony Manager. Northwestern University. Chicago, Illinois
- **Jilma Ellison.** Owner of an optometry practice in Florida, Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, after obtaining a doctorate in optometry
- **Angel Rodriguez.** Pest Control Specialist; formerly Owner of Rodriguez Exterminating, Illinois.
- **Dejavanna Morris.** Emergency/Critical Care Technician at MedVet Chicago.